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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to draw up a policy to revamp the primary education in order to spread creative thinking among the youth;

(b) if so, whether the current system of education is not up to mark; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by the Union Government to introduce new method to induce students to develop creative thinking?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has made efforts to revamp the curriculum of school education,including primary education,in order to encourage creative thinking among children.This exercise carried out under the National Curriculum Framework(NCF),2005 has made a significant shift in school education towards a constructivist paradigm for teaching and learning.Suitable modifications have been made in development of textbooks,classroom transaction and learners` assessment.Based on the recommendations of NCF-2005 and Focus Group papers on different subjects,new syllabi have been developed.Subsequently the new textual material for classes I to V have been developed. These textbooks are child-friendly and provide space for creative thinking.The content of the textbooks is child centred which provide her/him space to explore and construct knowledge. It encourages children to move away from rote learning to creative learning.

The NCF-2005 views assessment at all levels,as a meaningful and comprehensive process pertaining to the quality and extent of a child`s learning,construction of knowledge and her/his interest attitudes towards learning,which may be manifested in various activities. The new vision of the curriculum articulated in NCF-2005 has profound implications for creative thinking on the above concerns related to assessment/evaluation of children.Keeping this in view,NCERT has developed a Source Book for assessment at the primary level and it is being`trialled`out in 10 selected States across the country.